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Board for Geologists and Geophysicists Board Meeting Agenda

Date: May 18, 2007 Time: 10:00 am

Location: Ronald Reagan Federal Building, Room 3055

411 West 4th Street

Santa Ana, California 92701

Board Members: William Black, President; Richard Blake, Vice-President; Shirley Husar; James Ashby; Shayan Samii; Jeffery Schmidt; and Cecilia Yu.

Roll Call to Establish a Quorum and Public Forum
 (This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address the Board on items not on the agenda; however, the Board may not take action on such items at this time.)

Minutes

- Action: The Board will consider adopting minutes of the February 16, 2007 Board meeting.
- 3. Executive Officer Report (Rempel)
 - a. Functional unit re-organization update
 - b. Sunset report status update
 - c. Strategic Plan process update
 - Action: The Board will consider strategic planning options for 2007 and may direct the Executive Officer (a) to convene a one-day Board workshop led by a qualified facilitator aimed at crafting a new strategic plan or (b) to revise and update the obsolete 2002 Strategic Plan for presentation at the August 3, 2007 Board meeting.
 - d. State of California Emergency Partnership Advisory Workgroup
 - e. National Ground Water Association/Board hydrogeologist initiative
 - f. Information Security Audit
 - g. Budget update
 - h. ASBOG® relations
 - i. Three-year contract beginning FY07-08 provides opportunity for twice-yearly examination beginning Fall 2007
 - ii. Response from ASBOG® to Oregon State Board of Geologists Examiners letter
 - iii. Personal letter of greeting and offer of help to new Executive Officer from the Executive Director of ASBOG®
 - i. Professional Standards Unit: Enforcement update
 - j. Professional Standards: Lessons learned from March 2, 2007 examination cycle
 - i. Application for registration and for administration of examination
 - Detailed analysis of statutory and regulatory procedural requirements
 - Reformed process and revised forms
 - Action: The Board will consider accepting the ASBOG[®] Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations for California licensure on or after January 1, 2000.

- ii. Opportunity to offer twice-yearly licensing exams starting this September
- Action: The Board will consider scheduling ASBOG[®] Fundamentals and Practice of Geology exams on September 28th and the California Supplemental Exam on September 29th of this year in Northern California.
- k. Professional Standards: Cost-effective public education/consumer outreach opportunities
 - i. San Diego County "Site Assessment and Mitigation" (SAM) Program Annual Update February 28, 2007
 - ii. Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) 50th Annual Meeting September 24-29, 2007 in Los Angeles
 - iii. Geosym '07 May 9-10 in Glendale
- 4. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Examination Committee (Sterbentz, Chair)
 - Action: The Board will consider confirming Donn Ristau as member.
 - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing the Examination Committee to assemble a California Supplemental exam that includes 60 or more items that "...test the applicant's knowledge of state laws, rules and regulations, and of seismicity and geology unique to practice in California..." pursuant to Business and Professions Code §7841(d).
 - b. Technical Advisory Committee (Mello, Chair)
 - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing the TAC to investigate and report at the August 3, 2007 Board meeting on the following areas of knowledge: (i) state laws, rules and regulations unique to practice in California; (ii) seismicity unique to practice in California; and (iii) geology unique to practice in California.
 - c. Enforcement Oversight Committee (Magorian, Chair)
 - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing the EOC to prepare questions for inclusion in the California Supplemental Exam that incorporate elements of past enforcement actions.
- 5. Closed Session Personnel Matters, Examination Procedures and Results, Administrative Adjudication, and Pending Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) and (b), §11126(c)(1), §11126(c)(3) and §11126(e)(1)]
 - a. Personnel matters
 - b. Examination procedures and results
 - c. Pending Litigation: Superior Court Case No. 02CC17018
- 6. Open Session to announce results of Closed Session (Black)
- 7. Board Member Reports
 - a. Legislative Committee (Black, Schmidt): SB 1047
 - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider a letter of support for SB1047 to Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair, Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development
 - b. Sunset Committee (Ashby, Husar)
 - c. Outreach Committee (Blake, Husar)
- 8. Other announcements
- 9. Adjourn

Note: Starting time is approximate. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence at the discretion of the President for convenience of the Board and members of the public. The Board will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. as determined by the Board President.

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